

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF MAY 12TH, 1937.

The Board of Public Works meet in the offices of the Governor, Annapolis, Maryland, on Wednesday, May 12th, 1937.

Present:

Harry W. Nice, Governor.
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller.
Hooper S. Miles, Treasurer.

Mr. Wm. H. Blakeman, State Budget Director, also attended the meeting.

The Secretary read the following letter from Willis R. Jones, Esq. -

BRISCOE & JONES
209 Union Trust Bldg.,
Baltimore, Md.

*1937 State
Office Bldg.*

May 7th, 1937.

Board of Public Works
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

As I have been authorized to institute appropriate proceedings to test the validity of Chapter 368 of the Acts of 1937, purporting to authorize a bond issue of one million dollars for a State Office Building at Annapolis, I am writing to inquire whether it is the intention of your Board to issue bonds as directed by this Act, and if so, at what rate of interest and at what time do you propose to begin the advertising of the certificates dated June 15, 1937.

It appears desirable that all questions concerning the validity of this legislation be determined promptly, and the purpose of this letter is to acquaint your Board with the approaching proceeding and to ascertain your intentions with respect to this legislation, to the end that the proceeding may be instituted and concluded before any actual expense or loss to the State has been incurred.

Please be assured of my desire to cooperate with your Board and its counsel in the early disposition of this litigation.

Yours very respect-
fully,

/s/ Willis R. Jones
Willis R. Jones

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After due consideration of the foregoing communication, the Board instructed the Secretary to make a canvass of the situation to secure for the Board information as to the agencies of the State located in offices elsewhere than in Annapolis which could, with due regard for the public interest, be moved to the State Capital.

The Secretary was further instructed to secure information as promptly as possible relative to suitable sites, and costs thereof, for a location for the proposed office building in Annapolis.

The Board stated it is their intention when these data are available and a site has been selected, to engage an architect for the preparation of plans, and that it will then proceed to advertise and sell the bonds preparatory to carrying out the mandate of the General Assembly as set forth in 368 of the Acts of 1937.

Ch.

Mr. Harold E. Donnell, Superintendent of Prisons, appeared before the Board, and submitted a program for expenditure of the sum of \$750,000.00, which will be available to the Board of Welfare out of the June 15th, 1937 installment of the General Bond Issue of 1937.

The General Summary is as follows -

MARYLAND STATE PENAL FARM

Breathedsville, Maryland

GENERAL SUMMARY

Appropriation (Bonds to be sold June 15, 1937) \$750,000.00

Approximate Maintenance Operating Expenses for period April 1, 1937 to June 30, 1937 \$33,000.00

Approximate costs of adding a Hospital, enlarging Barracks, Dining Room, Cannery and other incidental buildings to take care of increasing our population up to 440 men 7,500.00

Small Tools and Equipment (including 5 Teams of Mules) 5,000.00

A. Total of Gross Anticipated Expenditures \$45,500.00

Less:

Approximate Credits during the period from April 1, 1937 to June 30, 1937 5,000.00 40,500.00

Net amount available for the 15th month period beginning July 1, 1937 and ending September 30, 1938 \$709,500.00

Less:

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M-1 Maintenance Salaries for 15 mos. \$50,950.00
M-2 Maintenance Operating Expenses for 15 mos. 157,470.00 208,420.00

C. AVAILABLE FOR CONSTRUCTION \$501,080.00

C-1 Construction Salaries for 15 mos. 81,256.25

Total of Construction Salaries 81,256.25

C-2 AVAILABLE FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS, EQUIPMENT, BALANCE OF ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING FEES, ETC. \$419,823.75

The Board approved the items in Group "A" showing a total of \$40,500, but deferred action on the rest of the statement until such time as the money from the sale of bonds of June 15, 1937 installment shall have been received.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Joseph Omeacusen
Secretary.